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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 3430

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GENERAL ION

REFS: A. BUCHAREST 3219

B. DA WASHDC/DAMI-FLT MSG 022002Z AUG 74

1. AS PLANNED, I RAISED WITH DEFENSE MINISTER IONITA DURING MY CALL OF AUGUST 6 THE QUESTION OF CHIEF OF STAFF ION ACCEPTING AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. LIKE FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU (REF A), IONITA REACTED FAVORABLY AND TALKED IN TERMS OF ROMANIAN DESIRE TO EXPAND ITS MILITARY CONTACTS WITH MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. HE ADDED THAT ROMANIAN PRACTICE WAS TO RESPOND ONLY TO WRITTEN PROPOSALS AND SAID THAT SUCH A LETTER SHOULD COME TO HIM. HE PROMISED A REASONABLY QUICK RESPONSE AND I SAID THAT BOTH THE DAO AND I WOULD BE AT HIS DISPOSAL FOR ANY DISCUSSION OF DETAILS.

2. IN ORDER TO FOLLOW UP QUICKLY ON THIS CONVERSATION I AM SENDING A GENERAL LETTER TO IONITA CONFIRMING THE INVITATION, GIVING A FEW GENERAL IDEAS DRAWING ON REF B AND SAYING THAT THE ACTUAL FORMAL INVITATION WITH MORE DETAILS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE FORM
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OF A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE US ARMY.

3. A RESPONSE TO THE DETAILED QUESTIONS IN REF B
BEING SENT IN SEPARATE DAO MESSAGE. MY OWN EVALU-
ATION WHICH DAO JOINS IS THAT THE MACOVESCU AND
IONITA REACTIONS ARE SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE THAT
WE CAN COUNT ON AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION.
THE TIMING HOWEVER, GIVEN THE PARTY CONGRESS THIS
FALL AND IONITA'S REFERENCES TO ADVANCE PLANNING
FOR VISITS ABROAD, MAY WELL TAKE SOME TIME TO
PIN DOWN.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHEN
INVITATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF, US ARMY, IS
ENROUTE.
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